

9. (Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein the configuring further comprises the step of deriving a contact lens pattern that, when worn, modifies the appearance of an eye according to the intentions of the user.

10. (Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the configuring further comprises the step of scanning a portion of an eye to create an image for use as said template eye image.

11. (Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the configuring further comprises the steps of incorporating said lens colors and lens design patterns selected by said user into said template eye image to produce a modified template eye image; and displaying said modified template image to said user for approval.

18. (Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the configuring further comprises the steps of requesting submission of graphic design images from said user for incorporation into said customized contact lens and displaying a modified template image to said user incorporating submitted graphic design images.

20. (Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the configuring further comprises the step of adjusting said image into a modified template image to optimize the incorporation of selected information from said user into said image.

24. (Amended) The method of claim 23, wherein the configuring further comprises the steps of obtaining prescription information from said user for said customized lens and incorporating said prescription information into said ordering request.

REMARKS

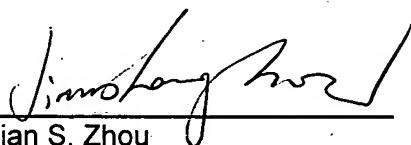
Pending claims

Claims 35-68 are canceled as being drawn to non-elected inventions without prejudice to filing a divisional application containing the same. Claims 3, 4, 6, 8-11, 18, 20 and 24 have been amended to more clearly point out and distinctly claim the invention. These amendments do not contain new matter and are fully supported by the specification.

After these amendments are entered, thirty four (34) Claims (claims 1-34) are pending. Claims 3-29 as currently claimed are readable on the species in Group I. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the **claims** by the present amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Marking To Show Changes Made."

Should the Examiner believe that a discussion with Applicants' representative would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned. Please address all correspondence to Thomas Hoxie, Novartis Corporation, Corporate Intellectual Property, One Health Plaza, Bldg. 430, East Hanover, NJ 07936-1080. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0134.

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Please amend claims 3, 4, 6, 8-11, 18, 20 and 24 as follows:

3. (Amended) A method of providing ~~configuring~~ a customized contact lens ~~for~~ to a user linked to a computer network interface, said method comprising configuring the customized contact lens for the user linked to a computer network interface, wherein the configuring includes the steps of:

providing a plurality of sample eye templates for selection by said user via said computer network interface;

receiving a request from said user indicating selection of at least one of said eye templates;

providing said user with a plurality of available colors for incorporation into a portion of said selected template;

receiving a request from said user indicating selection of at least one of said colors;

providing said user with an image of said selected eye template incorporating said at least one selected color;

receiving a request from said user to order at least one contact lens made in accordance with said image and said template; and

forwarding information relating to said image for fabrication into at least one contact lens made in accordance with said image and said template.

4. (Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the configuring further comprises the steps of receiving information from said user relating to cornea shape and size; and initially selecting said eye templates in accordance with said user-provided information prior to being provided to said user for selection.

6. (Amended) A method of providing ~~configuring~~ a customized contact lens ~~for~~ to a user linked to a computer network interface, said method comprising configuring the customized contact lens for the user linked to a computer network interface and sending an ordering request to order a contact lens, wherein the configuring includes the steps of:

displaying a template eye image to assist said user in visualizing selected options for a customized contact lens; and

displaying a plurality of contact lens selection options to said user, said selection options ~~information~~ including a plurality of selectable lens colors and lens design patterns; ~~and~~

~~sending an ordering request to order a contact lens.~~

8. (Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the configuring further comprises the step of deriving a contact lens pattern that, when worn, modifies the appearance of an eye according to the intentions of the user.

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